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CITY TALK TODAY

Tune in to City Talk today on WGCV 620 AM
from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. to hear:



5:00 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

Guest: Tiera Smith, Miss River City, USA

Topic: Under One Roof Comfort the Children
Carnival

5:20 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.

Guest: William "Skip" Holbrook, Chief, City
of Columbia Police Department

Topic: National Night Out

5:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Guest: Lee Thompson, Interim Assistant
Superintendent of Recreation, Parks &
Recreation

Topic: Drills & Skills

For more information about today's topics, contact the
Public Relations Department at 803-545-3020.

NEWS

ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT KICKOFF BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR SAFETY

The City Of Columbia will be hosting the seventh annual National Night Out Kickoff on Saturday, August 2, 2014 at Finlay Park, located at 930 Laurel St., from 6-10 p.m.



National Night Out, a yearlong community building campaign, is designed to: (1) heighten crime prevention awareness, (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs, (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and (4) send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This year's kickoff event will feature a variety of public safety vehicles, live entertainment, "Catch the Criminal" scavenger hunt, Karaoke Idol, inflatable rides, home security displays and tons of family fun. Kiss FM will be live broadcasting from 5-7 p.m.

In conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series, saxophonist Dante Lewis will take the stage at 8 p.m. and close out the night. This event is free and open to the public.

On Tuesday, August 5, National Night Out will be celebrated in Columbia's neighborhoods with cookouts, community block parties and more.

For more information, please contact Community Development at 803-545-3373 or visit www.columbiasc.net/community-development.

MAYOR'S BACK - TO - SCHOOL DRILLS AND SKILLS CLINICS

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin invites the public to register youth ages 6 to 17 for the 5th Annual Mayor's Back-to-School Drills & Skills Clinics.

Drills & Skills offers a weeklong instructional clinic for youth to expand their skills in basketball, tennis and golf. The clinics, which run from August 4-8, ends with a skills competition on Friday, August 8. Clinics will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

The clinics are free but registration is required.



For more information, call the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department at 803-545-3100 or visit www.ColumbiaSC.net.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR CITY SOCCER LEAGUE

The City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for the City Soccer League for boys and girls ages 3 to 14. The league is an opportunity for all youth to play, learn new skills and good sportsmanship. The fee to participate is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available.



Register your child at any community center or at Parks Administration at 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203. The deadline to register is August 15. The City Soccer League season begins September 15, 2014.

For more information, please call Parks & Recreation at 803-545-3100 or visit www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation.

CITY OF COLUMBIA TO HOST WALK BIKE COLUMBIA! PUBLIC MEETINGS

The City of Columbia will host four public meetings July 29 through 31 to gather input for the initial phase of the Walk Bike Columbia! planning process. Each meeting will be a drop-in format and will provide the same information and opportunity to gather input from residents and citizens in each district.

Public Meeting- District 1 July 29 at 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Eau Claire Print Building
3907 Ensor Street



Public Meeting- District 2 July 30 at 11:30am- 1:30 pm

Capstone (Campus Room)
898 Barnwell Street

Public Meeting- District 3 July 30 at 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm

MLK Park Community Center
2300 Greene Street

Public Meeting- District 4 July 31 at 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Woodland Park Community Center
6500 Olde Knight Parkway

Walk Bike Columbia! is a comprehensive effort to address the pedestrian, bicycle and transit needs of the City of Columbia through detailed analysis, public participation and interagency collaboration.

**For more information, contact the Planning Department at
803-545-3181 or visit www.walkbikecolumbia.org.**

COUNCILMAN CAMERON RUNYAN TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

City Councilman Cameron Runyan will host his July Open House Monday, July 28, 2014 from 5-6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1737 Main St.

**For more information or to schedule an appointment,
please call 803-545-3061.**



SCE&G TO PERFORM TREE TRIMMING ACTIVITIES AS SCHEDULED

SCE&G will perform tree trimming activities along overhead utility lines in the following neighborhoods for the next two weeks:

Belmont

College Place

Gabel Oaks

Northwood Hills Organization

Crosshill Neighborhood Association



The purpose of the trimming activities is to increase safety and reliability of the electric service. SCE&G reports an 89 percent improvement in reliability in vegetation related outages in areas where trimming is completed compared to a year ago. The trimming guidelines include removing vegetation within 8-12 feet below and beside the power lines and up to 20 feet above the power lines.

For more information about SCE&G's tree trimming efforts, including helpful tips and suggestions regarding the planting of trees and other vegetation, visit www.sceg.com/treetrimming.

PET OF THE WEEK: MEET HOWIE!

Meet Howie! (ID#A203365)

Howie is a two-year-old laid back and affectionate orange tabby short hair mix. He needs a new owner who has a warm bed and enjoys cuddling. Howie is a gentle cat who enjoys the simple life and is micro-chipped and neutered. Is Howie the cat you've been looking for?



Visit other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit www.columbiasc.net/animal-services or call 803-776-PETS for more information.

All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit Petfinder.com. Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.

PET TIP OF THE WEEK: KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

Haaack, Hairball! The easiest way to treat hairballs is to give your cat white petroleum; it will coat the stomach and combine with the hair so that it can be passed in the stool. Put a teaspoon or two on the cat's mouth and paws and let the cat lick it off.

**For more pet tips, contact the
Columbia Animal Shelter at 803-776-PETS**

VISIT THE PARK OF THE WEEK:

HEATHWOOD PARK

Heathwood Park, a neighborhood recreation center located near Kilbourne Road, offers a variety of activities and amenities for the entire community.

The park features a community center that includes computers with Internet access, tennis courts, basketball courts, a handball court, picnic shelter, splash pad and spray pool.



Heathwood Park
800 Abelia Road
803-733-8446



The park also includes a large playground area with a variety of equipment including swings, seesaws, spin-around ride-ons and sand digging toys. Heathwood Park is home to an after-school program during the school session and a summer program where youth have the opportunity to participate in field trips, physical fitness, sports and more.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation>.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND

CAUTION

The 1400 and 1500 blocks of Main Street between Washington and Taylor Streets have been designated **NO PARKING** on Saturdays from 7AM – 2PM to allow for Soda City Market operations. Meters are bagged accordingly on Friday evenings.

Beginning **Saturday, August 2**, any vehicles parked on Main Street between Washington and Taylor Streets at 7AM **WILL BE TOWED** at the **OWNER'S EXPENSE** in accordance to City of Columbia ordinance, Section 24-215 - Towing and Storage Charges.

Vehicles will be allowed to park in this area following the Soda City Market at 2PM.

Please call (803) 545-3780 if you have any questions.



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT KICKOFF

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

6 - 10 P.M.

FINLAY PARK



FREE!

KICKOFF!

Communities Lighting Up the Night

Fighting Crime. Increasing Safety. Creating Awareness.

Safety Vehicles, Neighborhood Display Contest, "Catch the Criminal" scavenger hunt, Dancing, Face Painting, Bounce Houses, Exhibitors, Games, Sistercare Donation Station, Live Entertainment by Saxophonist Dante Lewis and more!

For more information, call Community Development at 545-3373, CPD at 803-545-3555 or visit www.columbiasc.net.



Saturday, August 2
6—10 p.m.
Finlay Park
930 Laurel St.



For more information about the National Night Out Kickoff,
please call Community Development at 803-545-3373.

Save the



Date!

Tuesday, August 5, 2014
Your Neighborhood!



National Night Out is about taking the streets back and coming together to help prevent crime in your neighborhood. Join neighbors, friends and family for a special night out of community fun. Meet your City Council representative, meet new neighbors, grab a bite to eat and let the good times roll.

Want to find out if your neighborhood is hosting an event? Call Community Development at 803-545-3373.

Don't know which neighborhood you live in?

[Click here!](#)



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MAYOR'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRILLS AND SKILLS CLINICS



Mayor's Back-To-School **DRILLS & SKILLS** Basketball, Tennis & Golf Clinics

AUGUST 4 - 8, 2014

Youth, ages 6 thru 17, will have the opportunity to learn instructional basketball, tennis or golf skills during the week, ending with a Skills Competition on Friday. Clinics are free but registration is required.

For more information, call Parks & Recreation at 803-545-3100

BASKETBALL **CLINICS**

6PM - 8PM

Boys 6 - 9	Hyatt Park
Boys 10 - 13	Greenview Park
Boys 14 - 17	M.L. King Park
Girls 6 - 17	Drew Wellness Center



TENNIS CLINIC

6PM - 8PM

Boys & Girls
Ages 6 - 17
Columbia Tennis Center



No previous skills required
Personal equipment is welcomed
Please wear white loose fitting clothes,
tennis shoes, hat or visor

Space is Limited! Register Early!

GOLF CLINIC

6PM - 8PM



Boys & Girls **Ages 6 - 17**
James E. Clyburn Golf Center

No previous skills required.
Personal equipment is welcomed
Please wear comfortable clothes,
tennis shoes, hat or visor

Space is Limited! Register Early!

Friday, AUGUST 8, 2014
SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVEAWAYS
& BASKETBALL SKILLS
COMPETITION
Greenview Park, Hyatt Park,
& MLK Park
6PM - 8PM



SAVE THE DATE:
MAYOR'S WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SAVE THE DATE

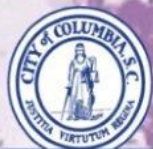


Mayor's Walk
**AGAINST
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014

**9 A.M.
FINLAY PARK**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



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For more information, contact Public Relations at 803-545-3020 or pio@columbiasc.net.



**For more information about the Mayor's Walk Against
Domestic Violence, call Public Relations at 803-545-3020.**

CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	DEADLINES FOR AGENDA ITEMS
August 5	WORK SESSION	July 25
August 19	WORK SESSION / COUNCIL MEETING	August 8

- The Columbia City Council will conduct a work session on **Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 12 p.m.** at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.

For additional information regarding the City Council meetings, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 803-545-3045.

For more information about Council meetings, please visit

<http://columbiasc.net/city-council>



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